

# Maricopa County

## RESOLUTION

### **Moratorium on Increased Regulatory Burdens**

**WHEREAS**, creating a predictable regulatory climate that promotes job creation and a healthy economy is critical to the well-being of the county's residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, county government plays a critical role in encouraging economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, Maricopa County is committed to streamlining regulations, improving regulatory processes, and decreasing regulatory burdens while protecting the public health, safety and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulated community and the general public is encouraged to bring forward ideas to reduce regulatory burdens and create regulatory efficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has previously demonstrated its commitment to regulatory fairness and transparency by adopting the Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program, a program that provides unprecedented communication and participation regarding regulatory changes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, directs the following:

1. All county departments are prohibited from initiating any ordinance, rule or regulation changes except as permitted by this Resolution. It is the objective of this Resolution to eliminate any unnecessary increased regulatory burdens or costs for employers, citizens, or political subdivisions of Arizona.

2. Paragraph 1 does not apply to regulatory changes for any one or more of the following reasons:
  - a. To lessen or ease a regulatory burden
  - b. To prevent a significant threat to the public health, peace or safety
  - c. To avoid a violation of a court order or federal law that would result in sanctions by a court or the federal government for failure to make the regulatory change.
  - d. To comply with a federal statutory or regulatory requirement or a state statutory requirement.
  - e. Fee adjustments necessary to provide adequate or timely service.
3. A county department shall not initiate any regulatory changes outlined in Paragraph 2, sections a – d, without written authorization from the County Manager.
4. A county department shall not initiate a regulatory change outlined in Paragraph 2, section e, without an affirmative majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.
5. This Resolution does not confer any legal rights upon any persons and shall not be used as a basis for legal challenges to any County ordinances, rules, regulations, approvals, permits, licenses, or other County actions or inactions.
6. This resolution shall remain in effect until 2016, unless repealed or reauthorized by the Board of Supervisors.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1, 2013

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Clint Hickman, Supervisor, District 4

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board